

that worked out in a way we would want to bring it to the floor at that time.

Again, I am still discussing that with the Democratic leader, and there is communication from both sides of the aisle with the administration. So we don't know yet if that will happen, or what form it will be in. I look forward to further discussions with the minority leader on this issue. I hope it will not be necessary to file a cloture motion on this resolution in order to bring it to conclusion by mid-week. I haven't had an indication that that will be the case. I am thankful for the cooperation we have had in getting this agreement worked out.

In light of this agreement, and the agreement reached earlier calling for a vote on the constitutional amendment for campaign expenditures at 2:45 Tuesday, I am pleased to announce there will be no votes during Friday's or Monday's session of the Senate. The next vote will occur 2:45 Tuesday, March 18.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m., Friday, March 14. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and that the Senate then proceed immediately to the consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 22, the independent counsel resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, again, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 22 on Friday, and further, no amendments would be in order during consideration of the resolution on Friday. I think it is important that we begin to express our feelings as strong as we can—hopefully in a bipartisan way—that there is a need for independent counsel. I will note that a letter has gone forward now from the majority members of the Judiciary Committee indicating the need

for this independent counsel and their indication that the necessary requirements have been met under the law, so that the process should begin, and will begin as a result of this letter, of looking into the appointment of independent counsel.

It is my hope that we will continue debate on the resolution on Monday. And amendments then would be in order during Monday's session.

I will continue discussions with the minority leader, and hope that we will be able to reach an agreement on this very important resolution so we can complete consideration next week by Wednesday, I hope.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:39 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 14, 1997, at 10 a.m.